Dear Bill, 1/30/96

Thanks for your of the 23rd, your order and the tip with it!

I do not know from the forecast whether I'll be able to get to the mail box in the morning but I'll get the books packaged and ready shortly.

You will have a copy of Whitewash I in it and can show it to your friend. I'll probably need some before he can get to it and will have them made locally. When you show Whitewash I to your friend, that is the kind of binding needed. I know of none more durable and that is why I've been paying more for it. It is called velo or vello. The size should be exactly 6x9 because the others are and a different size means a packaging problem.

On the paper, thanks but we've enough for a while. This is a tougher paper than I've been getting and I suppose that means more durable. Harder may be the better word,

On the typewriter ribbons, you probably did not get the letter in which I said I'd try one as soon as this one goes. If they are dry but not too dry they can still be used. They do dry despite the plastic wrapping. That is why those I've been getting are over-inked, perhaps, because they do dry out.

Give you an idea how much snow we had and how much more than that it was after the road was plowed, this morning the local paper for 18 days ago was for the first time visible through the snow that had melted down to it. It was in plastic so I did take a look at it.

On the typewriter, hold off. I had the immediate need taken care of and it is now as it had been for a while. If thet get it where the shop is not overloaded and they will not have to keep it for too long I'll get them to give it a good going over. But with that tab fixed I'm making out OK. I did not know this local place did or had a place that did typwriter repairs. Guy I dealt with is a nice guy. Older, too.

On the boxes, hold off on them for a ehile. The office manager at my physical therapists was able to collect a small supply for me and they'll last for a while. But when I get to where I can use them the one you sent is the best I've seen.

I've been making good time writing. Did a book-length manuscript on Hosty's totally dishonest Assignment: Oswald. Even the title is a lie. Also finished the one on Brownis treachery in Dallas. Both terribly bad books. And ignorant. That is true of them all, they represent as fact what is not fact and the reader has no way of knowing they made it up.

Those ribbons are the right size. Thanks and best,

Harold